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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Bosscher, et al.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 3, 2005**

Honorable Director of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2005, reconsideration is requested in  
view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.